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Not Business as Usual – *Recapping the Governor's Conference on Economic Development*

The entire conference was packed with exciting events. Governor Greitens discussed his new vision for the state and [launched](#) economic development strategies including the state's newest workforce solution—**Skilled Workforce Missouri**. Karl Glassman, CEO of longtime Missouri-based Leggett & Platt, spoke at the conference about how the state is stepping up its workforce game:

“The governor’s workforce development initiative is both timely and focused on the opportunities and challenges in today’s economy. The Missouri workforce team wants to know

what roles businesses have to fill as well as develop an understanding of the job requirements and position-specific training requirements. They're asking smart questions – not rushing in with answers to questions we haven't asked, and not coming forward with solutions that we don't need. I know Governor Greitens is dedicated to making this a “paradigm shift” that will benefit all of us.”

Gov. Greitens pointed out the importance of supporting our existing business community and that as a state, we need to work to eliminate red tape and be more customer-service focused.

During the conference, the Governor also announced his intention for Missouri to compete for the second Amazon headquarters location,

"We are on a mission to make Missouri a best-in-class state to do business. We've taken bold action, and we're getting results. Now, Missouri can compete with any state in the nation to win quality jobs for Missouri families, and we compete for every job. This is an exciting opportunity, and we're going to fight to win."

ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.



Congratulations to St. Charles County!

The St. Charles County Workforce Development Board was recognized for their registered apprenticeship program sponsor certification and new manufacturing apprenticeship program by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Missouri Division of Workforce Development.



Kirksville—Adair County

Congratulations to the Kirksville Job Center! Adair County was one of the first counties in Missouri and the nation to become a Certified Work Ready Community and now has met 100 percent of their goals to **maintain that designation**, as well.

With many new businesses and expansions in their area they have been hard at work promoting the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate® to both employers and their workforce.

St. Louis City

The St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) Job Center has recently been awarded a \$4.5 million Young Adult Reentry grant. Their “Compass Rose Collaborative” program attack one of the most serious social problems in America: the challenge of young people successfully entering the workforce and educational systems after significant brushes with the law. [Click here to read more about this grant.](#)

OUTSTANDING Ideas from the Field

Warrenton

The Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, located in Warren County, also serves the residents of Lincoln and Montgomery counties. Realizing that it is sometimes more difficult for individuals who live farther from the Job Center (particularly those with transportation challenges) to visit and attend workshops, staff members have begun outreach.

The first Tuesday of each month, workforce staff go to Montgomery County and work with customers. Center staff have visited Montgomery County on two occasions, sharing information about all workforce programs and helping job seekers create accounts in MoJobs.

Beginning October 10th, workforce staff will also go to Troy at the Chamber of Commerce reaching out to individuals in need of our workforce development services.

Faces of Missouri Workforce

Meet some of your [Workforce Development System co-workers](#) from around the State. The staff members in this month’s newsletter were recently in Jefferson City to attend training or work in DWD Central Office.

DWD Housekeeping

The MoJobs system and jobs.mo.gov do not “share” a calendar. Therefore, Center staff should be adding events to the MoJobs calendar. For assistance with MoJobs technical issues, email DWD Technical Support at DWDsupport@ded.mo.gov.

DWD Communications staff regularly update the events and workshop calendars and web pages on jobs.mo.gov. To promote and announce events at your Center, email event information dwdcommunications@ded.mo.gov (DWD.CommsSupport on the Outlook global list). When you submit events, please ensure all pertinent information is provided including: date and time of event, location—including an address, name of employer(s)—if hiring event, contact name and phone or email.

Please contact [DWD Communications](#) if you have any questions related to outreach and promotion.



DWD Corner

Clinton Flowers, DWD Performance and Research Manager, was recently recognized for his 30 years of service.

Thank you, Clinton, for your many years of dedication to Workforce Development!

Pictured left to right: Amy Sublett, Acting Director and Clinton Flowers.

Workforce System staff make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. We know there are many success stories from across the state waiting to be told.

Send us your staff accomplishments and job seeker or employer success stories to share how your Center is making a difference in your community!





For additional information about Missouri Division of Workforce Development services, contact a Missouri Job Center near you. Locations and additional information are available at jobs.mo.gov or 1-888-728-JOBS (5627).



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